

On the day
of the Japan
National
Rhythmic
Gymnastics
Children
Championships.

It
happened
in 6th
grade



So
you
give
up?

As if
I had
made
her
say
them.

Were the
words I had
been waiting
for
somewhere
deep down
inside.

And
yet

Why did
they move
my heart
to its
very core?

These
words...





I just
couldn't
say "yes."

This is
probably
why

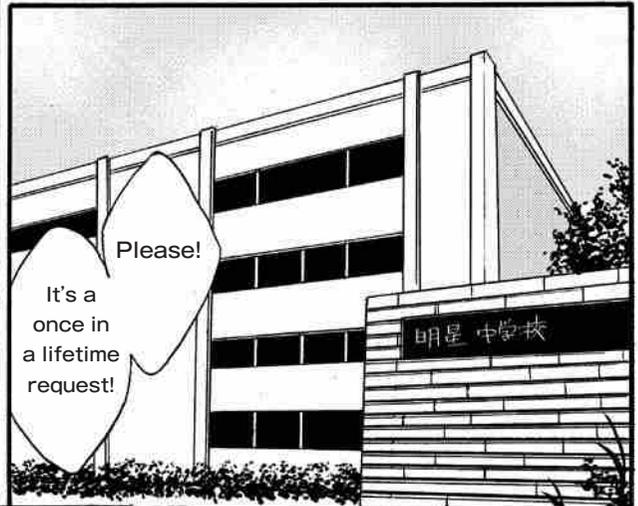


I
still
...

Reach for the Top!
Never Give Up!



Please join our team for the volley match!

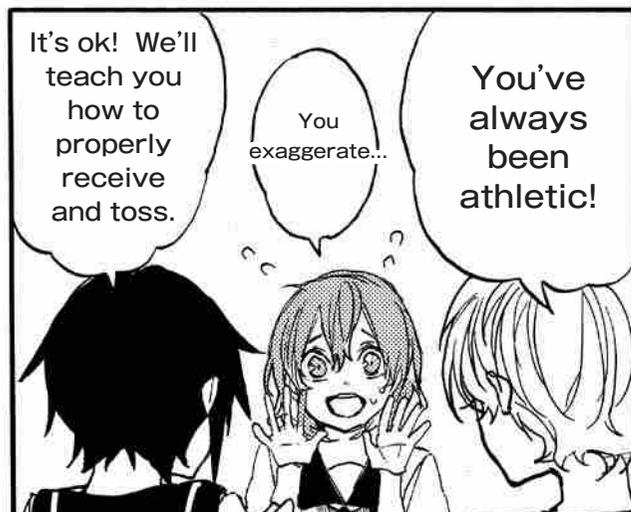


Please!
It's a once in a lifetime request!



Eh... Volley?

Hiyori Asahina, Rhythmic Gymnastics Club Member



It's ok! We'll teach you how to properly receive and toss.

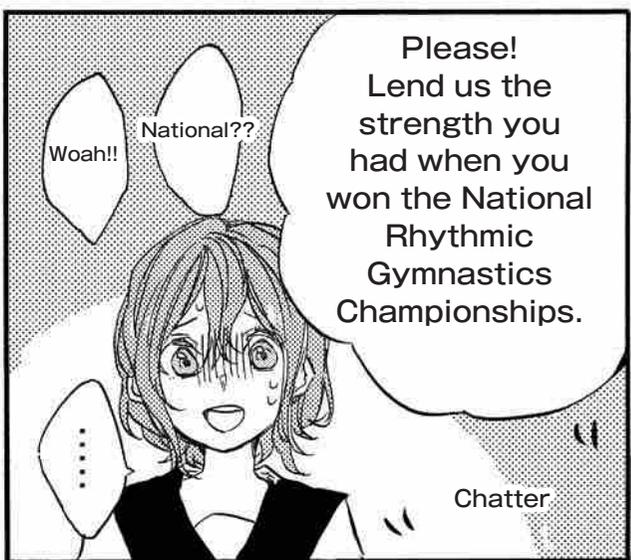
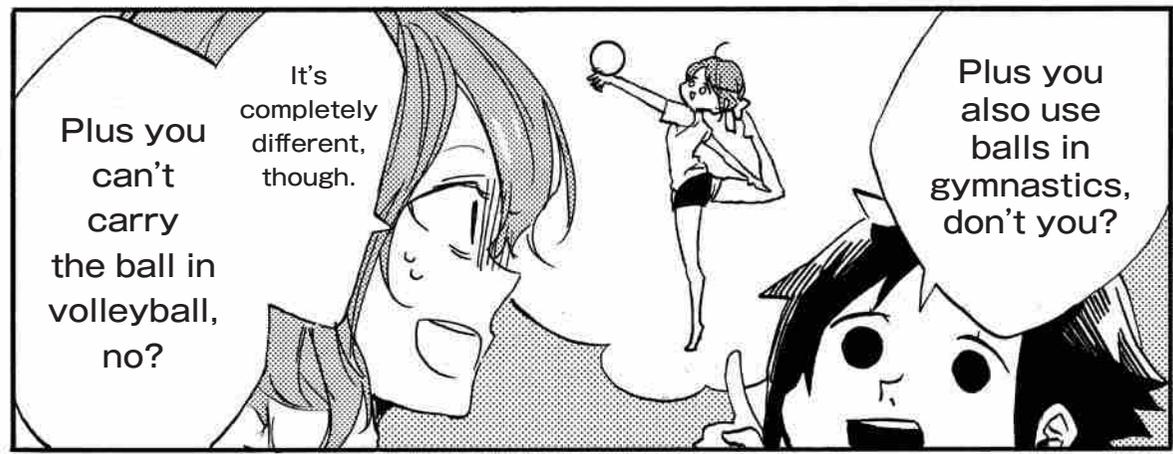
You exaggerate...

You've always been athletic!



Yes! I won't bore you with the details but long story short, we need another player otherwise we can't participate!

You mean volleyball, right?





You got injured?

Yui...



They're short a player because of me.

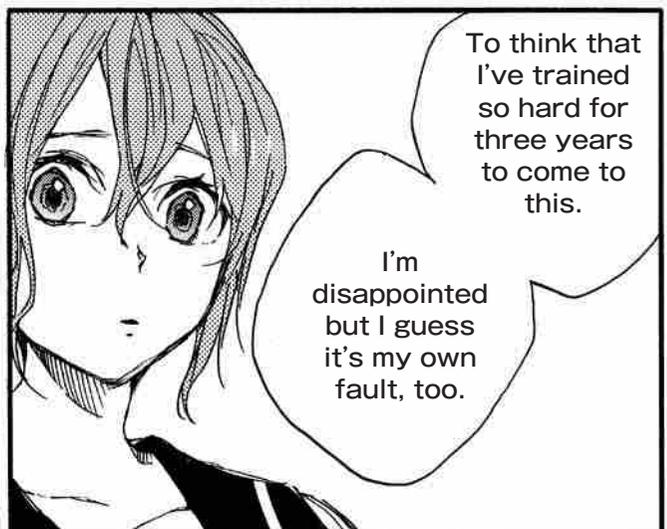
Yeah,

just a sprain.



Even so, I don't want everyone's efforts to go to waste because of me.

So...

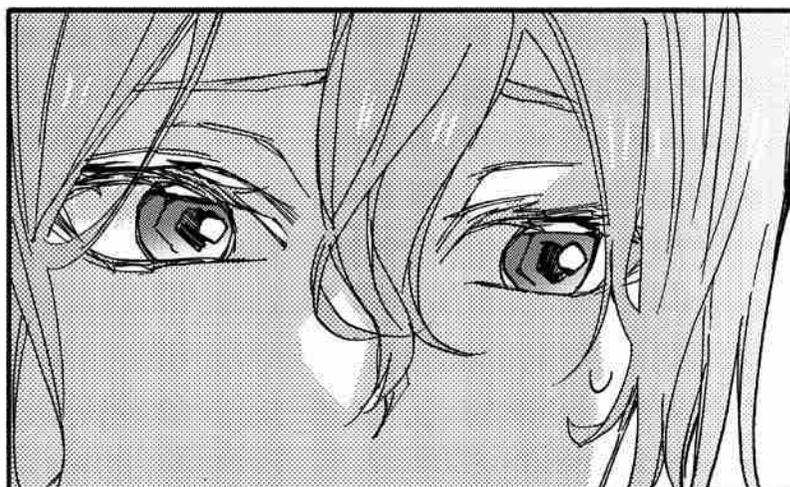


To think that I've trained so hard for three years to come to this.

I'm disappointed but I guess it's my own fault, too.



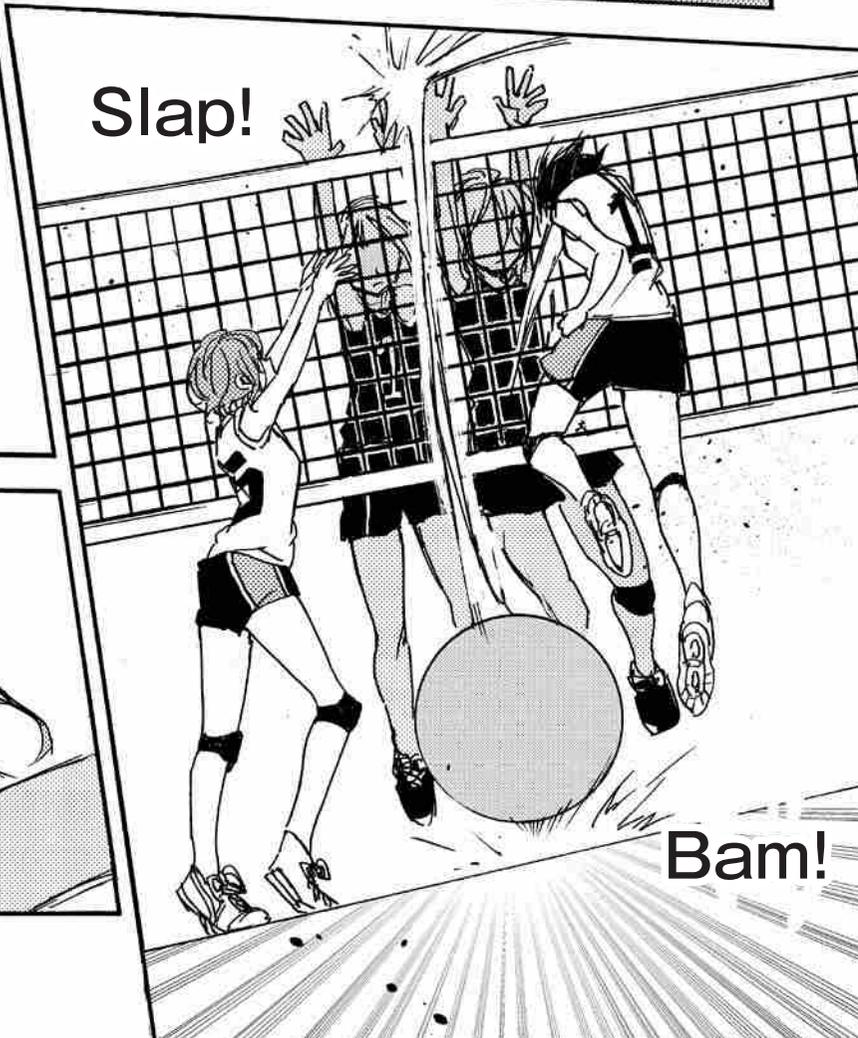
Can you
do it?
For me?



It won't
be so
easy

Even
so...

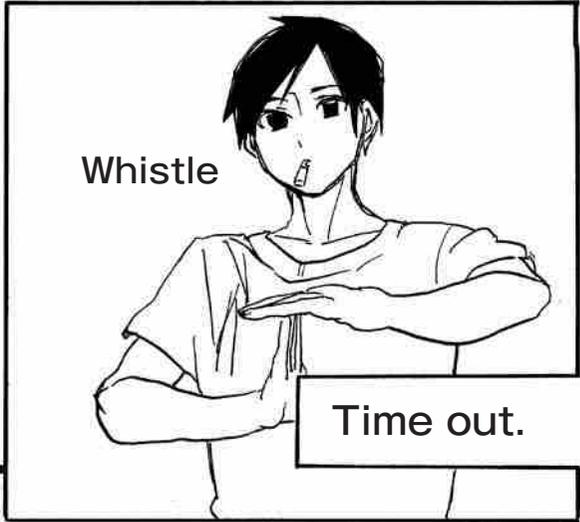
Count
on me.





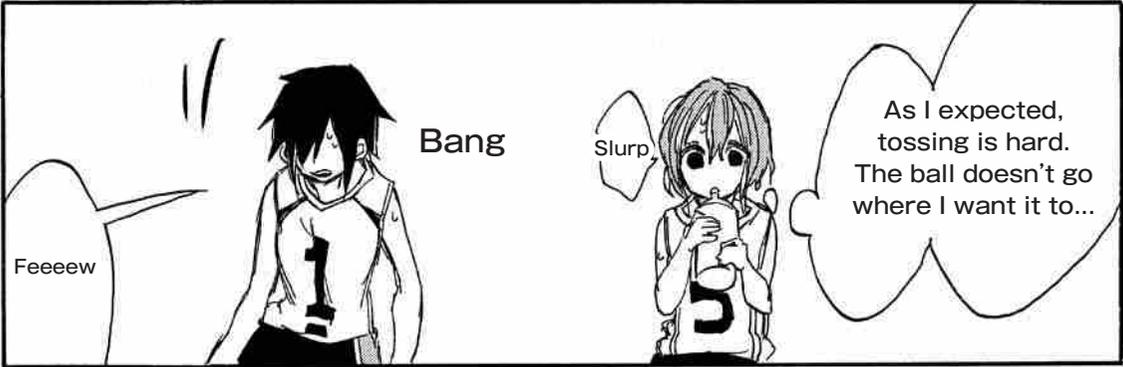
Haa...

...Haaa



Whistle

Time out.



Feeeeeew

Bang

Slurp

As I expected, tossing is hard. The ball doesn't go where I want it to...



And to be honest,



Akane.

This is not as simple as I thought it would be!



What happened just now was just me losing focus.

What are you saying? This is more than enough!

I'm sorry, if I was a bit better at tossing...



People
often

We might fail
We might lose
We might be
denied

Search
for a
way out



When
confronted
with fear
and
uncertainty.

So
you
give
up?

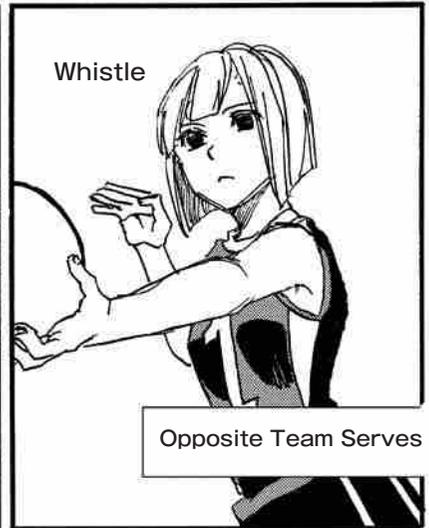
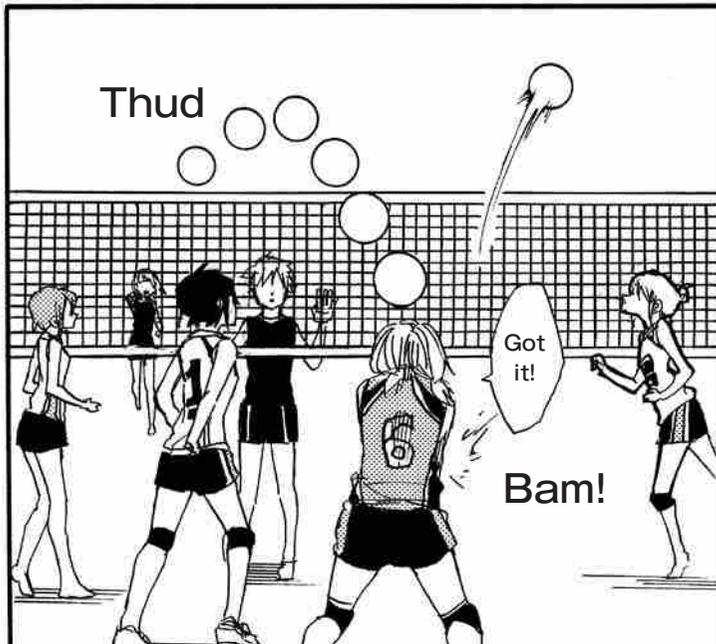
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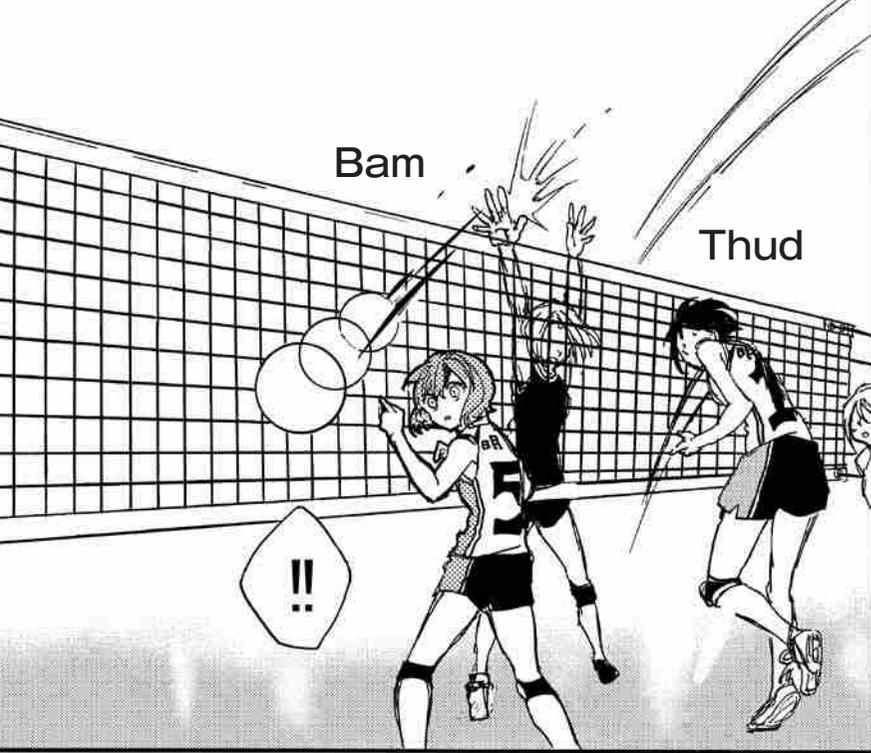
As if by
miracle

The
tables
turn.



Is the same feeling as back then...





Bam

Thud

!!



Akane!



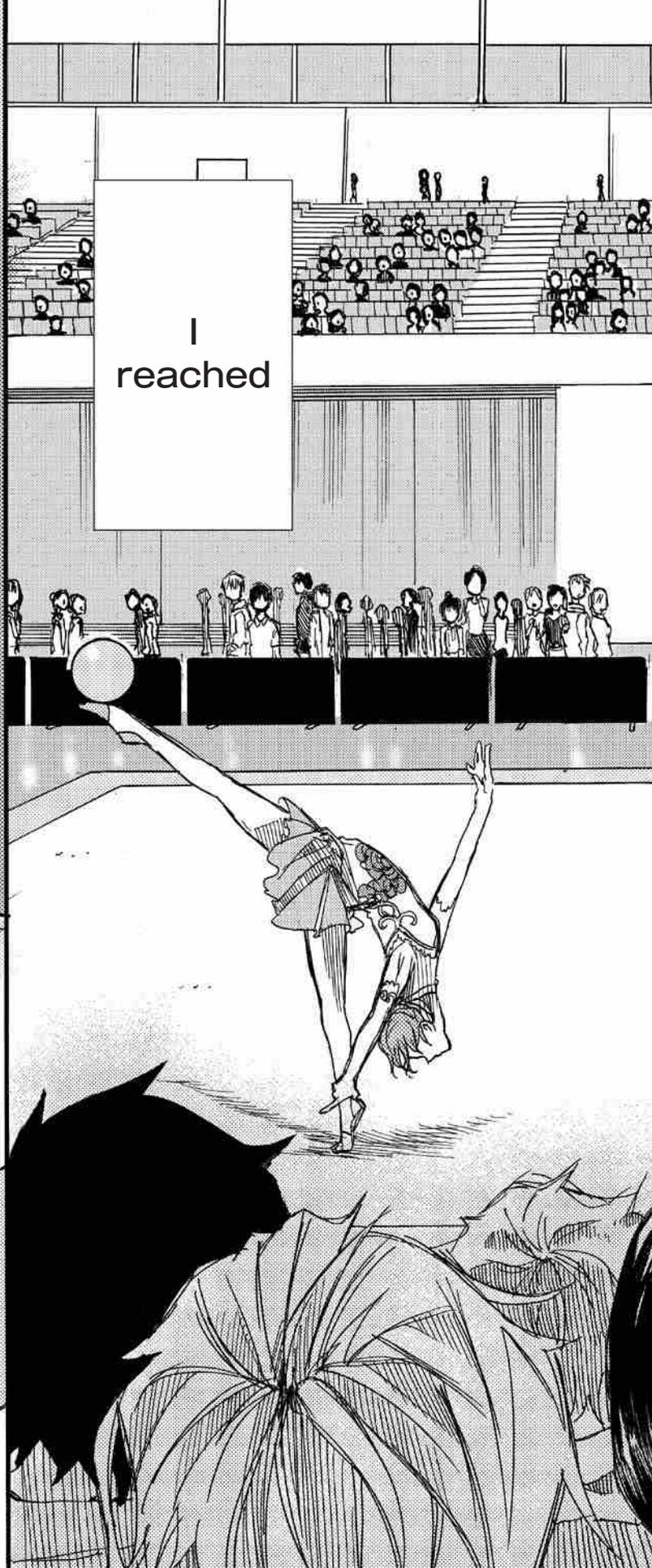
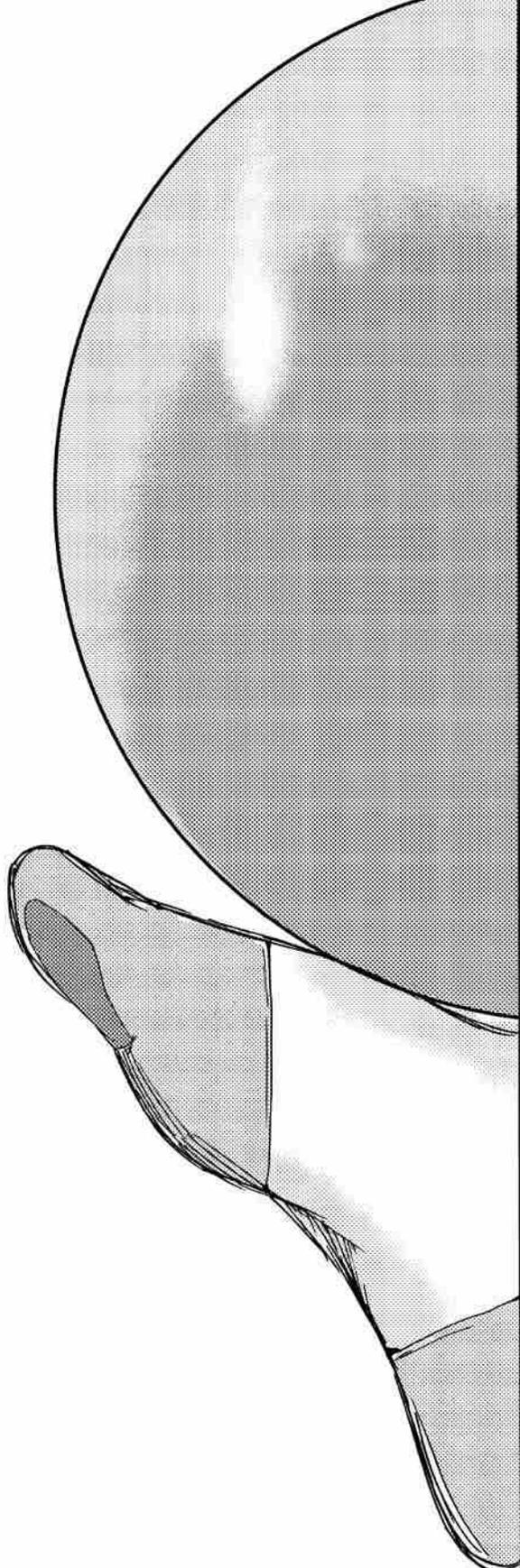
That's
it!



At the
very
least...



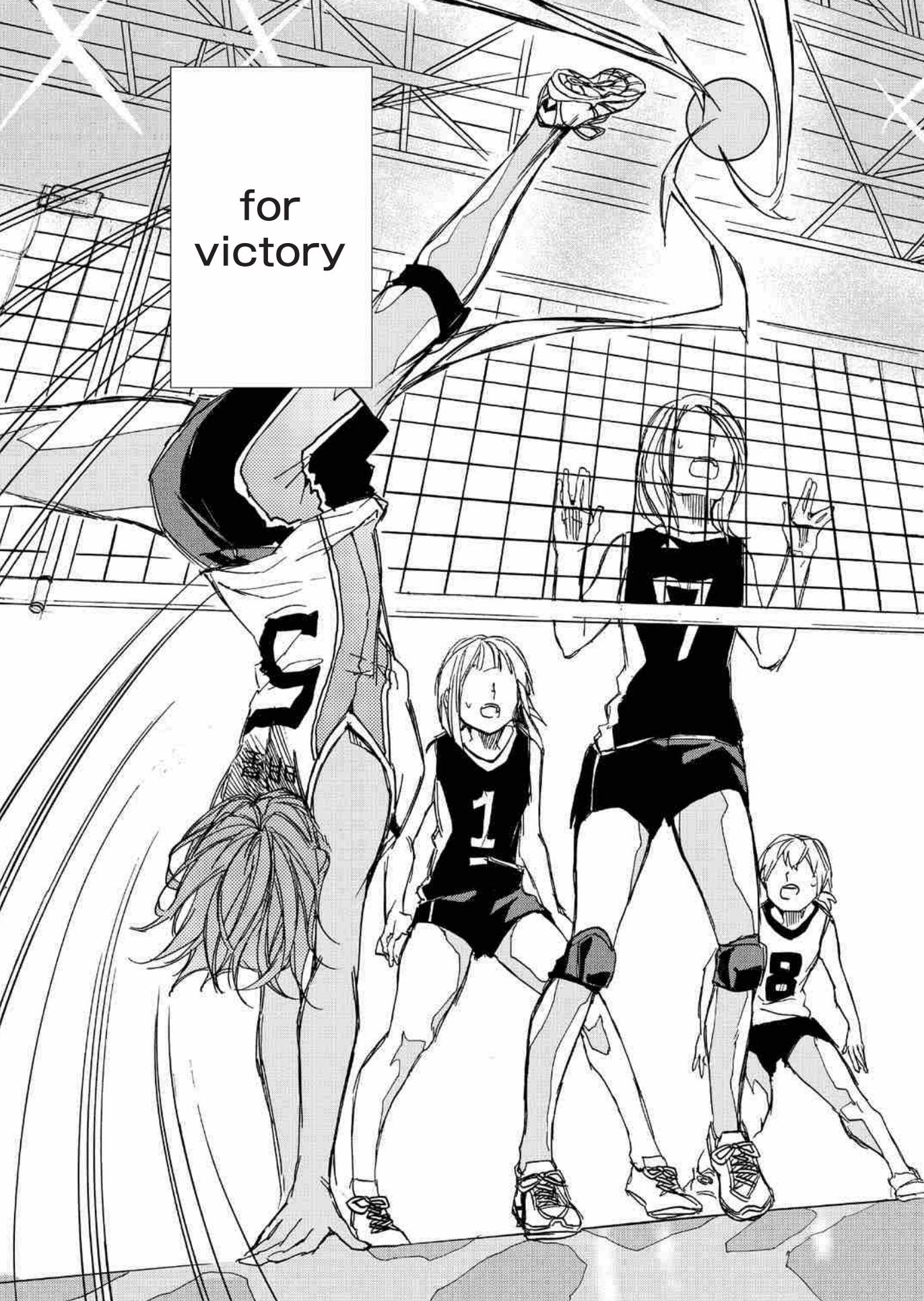
At
that
time



I
reached



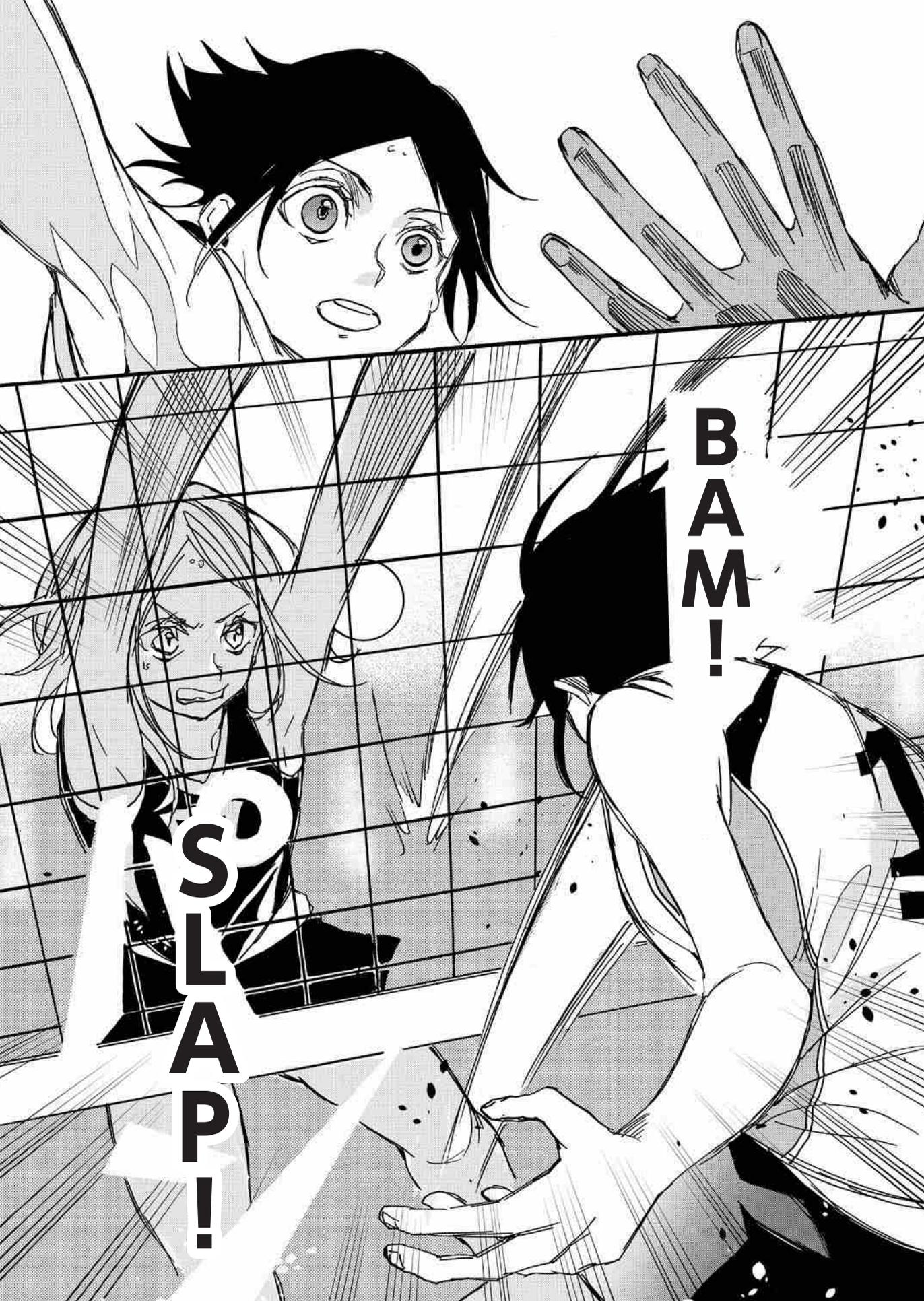
for
victory





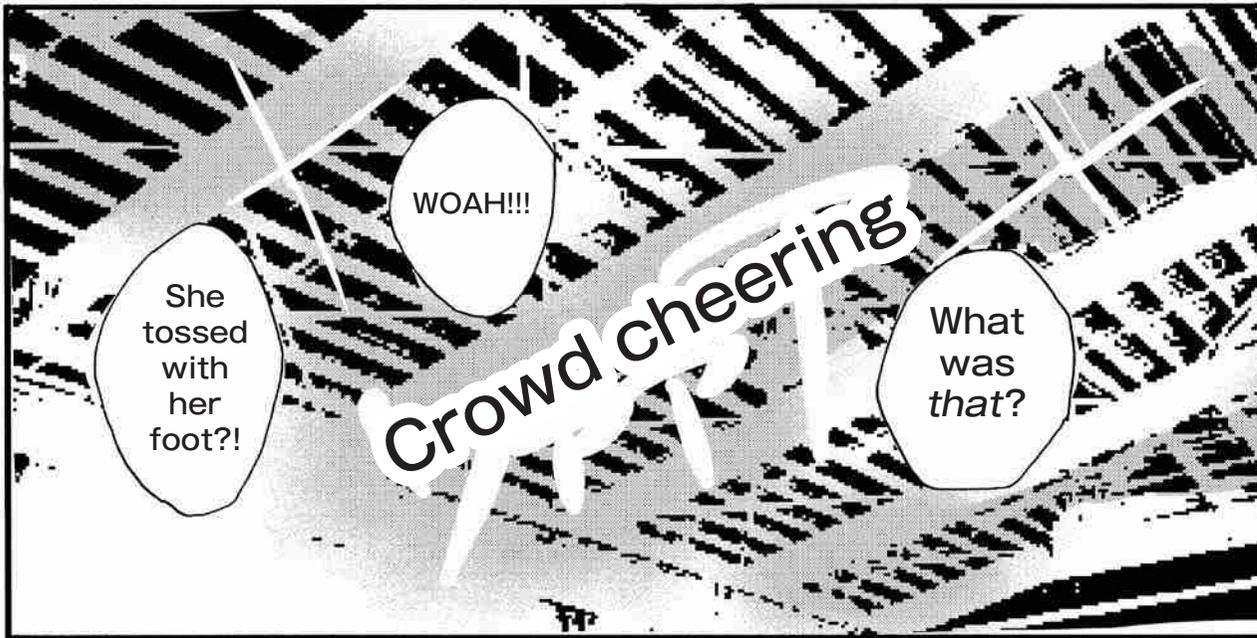
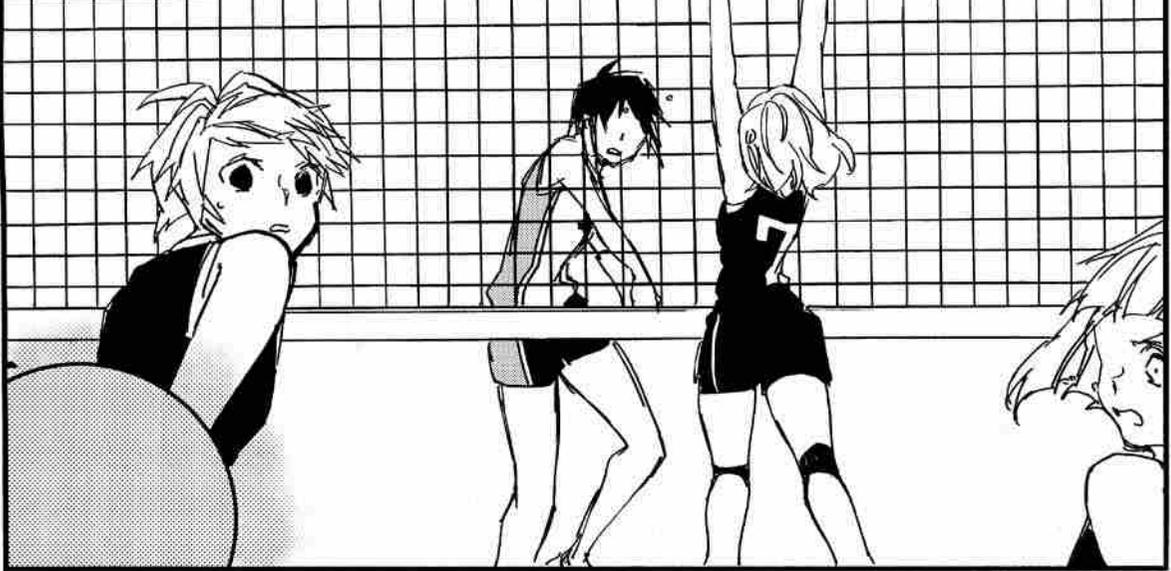
With
my own
strength.

AKANE!!



**B
A
M!**

**S
L
A
P!**

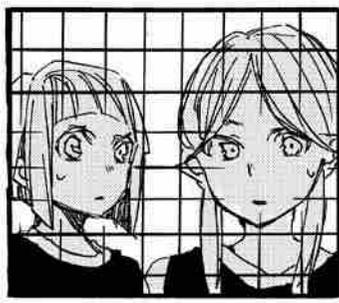




This miracle.



If you look at it this way,





Ok...

But that one point.



The result of some beginner's luck.

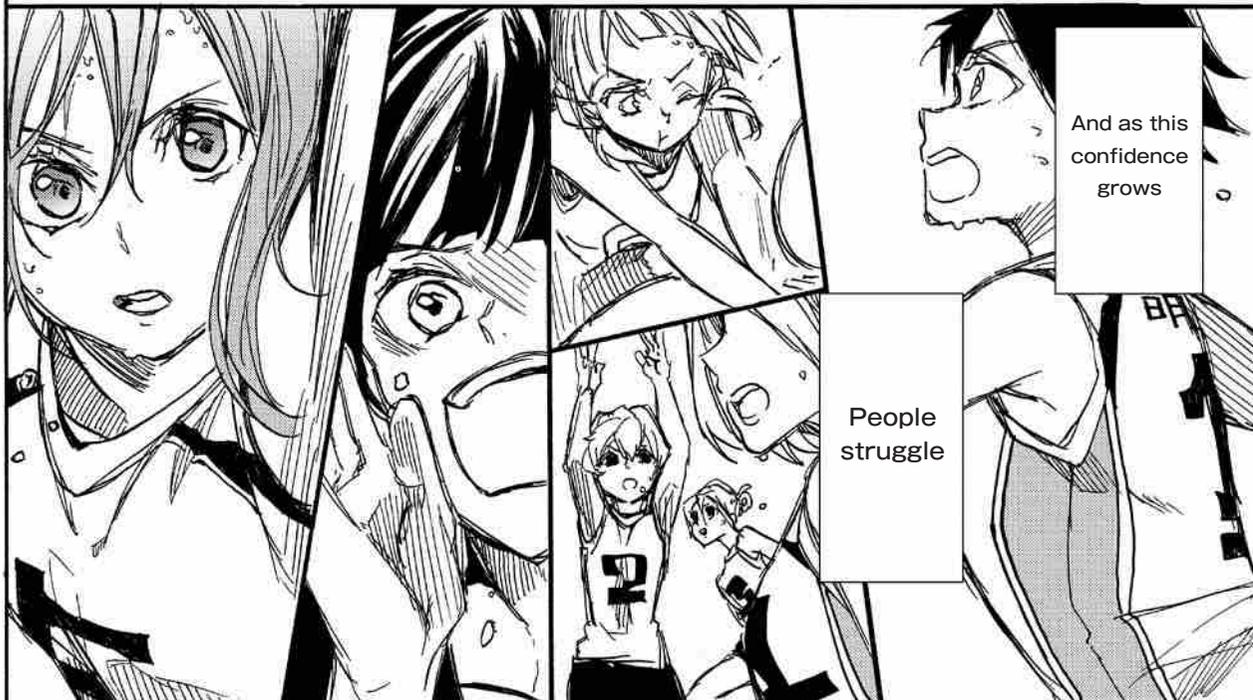
We just got one more point.



YES!!!!

Has suddenly given us the confidence that comes from possibilities.

Let's win that match!!!



And as this confidence grows

People struggle



And then
when they
finally
experience



Whistle



The
joy
ahead



That what
they
achieved
with their
own strength



They
realize



Was
the
real
miracle.